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ANOTHER STEAMER SENT TO BOTTOM

Allen Liner Victim of Torpedo or Mine

NO AMERICANS
LOSE THEIR LIVES

London Interest is Centered on Attitude which this Government will Take. Full Particulars not yet Available. Said that Ship Carried Gun on Deck.

HERSPERIAN SUNK.
London, Sept. 6.—The Allan line steamer Hesperian sank at 6:15 this morning within a few miles of Queenstown after being badly damaged by a torpedo or mine thirty-four hours previous. The captain and crew of twenty-five that remained aboard made a brave fight to save the craft, but the ship gradually sank by head and at daylight with decks awash and sank soon after. The captain and crew were taken off by boats that had been accompanying the vessel to land.

London, Sept. 5.—The Allan line steamer Hesperian, with 350 passengers and a crew of 300 aboard, bound from Liverpool for Montreal, was attacked, it is believed without warning, by a German submarine off the Irish coast just as darkness was falling Saturday evening. Although the explosive found its mark, the vessel remained afloat and, according to a statement issued by the company tonight, every soul aboard was saved. No submarine was seen and probably it was too dark to observe the wake of a torpedo, but passengers and members of the crew who arrived at Queenstown on rescue steamers today agree that the attack was made by a German undersea boat, basing their opinion on the force of the shock and the great volume of water thrown into the air.

The force of the explosion was tremendous. Of the passengers landed at Queenstown about 20 were injured. There were no American passengers aboard, so far as the American consul could learn tonight, but two members of the crew were Americans and both were saved. About 30 Canadian soldiers, wounded in Flanders, were going home to recuperate. Most of the other passengers were Canadians returning from a visit to England or English people on their way to Canada to settle.

Struck Engine Room.
The torpedo struck the Hesperian in the forward engine room and the ship immediately began to settle by the head. Capt. Main ordered the passengers and crews into the boats, but with his officers remained on the bridge, although at that time he must have felt sure that his ship would go down.

The discipline was perfect, but one boat capsized and those in her were thrown to the water. All were picked up, and with other passengers and the crew were transformed to rescue steamers which arrived in answer to wireless calls.

Passengers landed at Queenstown asserted that the attack was without warning. The United States embassy here received no confirmation on this point.

The Hesperian, a vessel of 10,920 tons gross, was outward bound from Liverpool for Montreal. Many passengers were wounded Canadian soldiers on their way home from the front.

Early reports from Queenstown were that there were 50 passengers in the first cabin, 150 in the second and 250 in the third, but it later was announced at the Allan line offices in Liverpool that the passengers numbered only about 350. There were approximately 300 in the crew.

Just as Day Died.
The attack came just as darkness fell. Passengers who have reached Queenstown express the belief that she had been chased for some distance by a submarine, which fired as soon as it was within range. The attack came so suddenly, it was stated, that

STEVE T. TAYLOR DEAD.

Died Saturday Afternoon and was Buried in Laurens Cemetery Sunday Afternoon.

Steve T. Taylor, for many years a resident of this city, died at his home on Laurel street Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock after a long illness. His death had been expected for some time, so while the announcement of his death by his many friends it did not come by him many friends it did not come as a surprise. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Laurens cemetery, being conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. R. T. Major, of the First Methodist church. A large number of sorrowing friends and relatives were present and floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Mr. Taylor was born near Cross Anchor, but spent the larger portion of his life in Laurens, where he was engaged as a contractor and builder. He was fifty years of age at the time of his death and is survived by his wife who was a Miss Sexton, and two sons, Roy and Randolph Taylor, the latter being but a baby. Mr. Taylor was a member of the Methodist church and was an honest, upright citizen. His numerous friends feel a deep loss in his departure.

At Lisbon Church.

The regular services will be held at Lisbon church next Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. L. McLin. The congregation is requested to bear this in mind.

Mrs. Walter G. Henderson.

Mrs. Walter G. Henderson, of Youngs township, died at her home Monday night and was buried yesterday at Durban Creek church. She leaves her husband and three small children to mourn her loss, besides several brothers and sisters. Before her marriage she was a Miss Grumbles, daughter of Mr. W. W. Grumbles, of this county. She was a conscientious Christian woman and beloved by all who knew her.

great alarm was felt aboard the steamer.

The torpedo struck forward of the engine room, tearing away the forward part of the ship, so that water rushed into the forward compartment.

The wireless operator instantly sent out a call for aid, while Capt. Main ordered the boats over the side. Three are said to have been upset in launching and 20 persons injured have been landed at Queenstown. So far as known all those thrown in the water were saved.

A fleet of rescue steamers soon reached the scene and all the persons in the small boats were taken aboard. When it was seen that the Hesperian was likely to remain afloat for some time, Capt. Main insisted on returning to the ship to await the arrival of admiralty tugs, which he hoped could take her to Queenstown. Twenty of his men went back with him.

The Allen line, owner of the Hesperian, has been operated for about three years by the Canadian-Pacific railways, ships of the line running between Great Britain and Canadian ports.

The Hesperian, a twin screw steamer, was built at Glasgow in 1908. She was 485 feet long with a beam of 60 feet and a depth of hold of 50 feet.

London Not Excited.

London learned of the torpedoing of the Hesperian through a Sunday newspaper, which issued an extra late today covering meagre details. As the paper printed an Allan line statement saying passengers and crew had been saved the news aroused no excitement comparable to that caused by the torpedoing of the Lusitania and the Arabic.

It was noticeable that wherever groups assembled to discuss the matter principal interest among them centred in the probable effect the torpedoing would have on the negotiations between the United States and Germany concerning Germany's submarine policy.

A request at the Allan line offices for the names of the passengers on the Hesperian met with refusal to give them. It was stated that the company's officials had decided to issue no list now.

SIGN BOARDS ORNAMENT ROAD TO CLINTON

Mr. E. H. Wilkes has Placed Large Sign Boards at Important Places along Route.

Having had his attention directed to the fact that many tourists have some difficulty in selecting the best road from Clinton to Laurens, Mr. E. H. Wilkes took upon himself the responsibility of providing the road with suitable signs. He had large signs painted at his own expense and had them securely put in place last week, so that now travelers may go along this route and feel sure that they will not lose the way. The first sign erected was at the old Simpson place several miles this side of Clinton, where the old road between Clinton and Laurens and the present road fork. The next sign was placed just on the outskirts of Laurens on the top of the hill this side of Mr. Ross Blakeley's where one road goes through to the Laurens mill and the other turns to the left to intersect East Main street between the Garlington and Fuller homes. The third sign was placed at this latter intersection. With these three signs placed, a traveler would have no reason to follow any but the best road between the two cities. It will be left now for some wideawake Clinton citizen to place signs between that city and the county line, Newberry being left to look after her own roads.

In this connection, it does not seem out of place to suggest that farmers along this route look after the roads in front of their homes and keep them in good shape. Though it is easily explainable why there are so many little ruts and rough places in front of houses along the roadside, yet the fact that there is an explanation ought not to deter owners from trying to do away with them. As this road to Clinton is traveled more than any other in the county perhaps, it has been suggested that the residents along this road take upon themselves the duty of filling in the ruts and smoothing the rough places in front of their homes. This has been done by several residents along the road already but a concerted movement is very much to be desired. In some cases, the bad effect of rain water draining from the yards would be done away with if ditches were dug along the side of the road so that the water would not have to flow across the road in seeking an outlet.

Opens Billiard Parlor.

The Ideal Billiard Parlor is the name of a new amusement place which has opened up in the Traynham building on the north side of the public square. Mr. Sam Rosenberg, of Greenwood, is the proprietor and Mr. Hal Moorman the manager. It is understood that the Ideal will be conducted on a high business plane, free from the objectionable moral features so often associated with pool rooms. No blinds will be used and passersby may at all times see what is going on inside. No drinking, gambling or rowdiness of any kind will be allowed.

Christian Endeavor Meeting.

The Christian Endeavor society will meet at the Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:15 o'clock. Mr. E. H. Wilkes will be the leader in the service. The subject "How we can promote temperance reform" has been selected because of the current interest in prohibition. The public is invited to attend.

Call for Boxes.

Deputy Clerk of Court W. S. Power asked yesterday that the managers for Tuesday's election be reminded to call for the election boxes. Special attention is called to this because the managers will be paid for their services in full for this election.

Meeting of K. of P.

Laurens Lodge, K. of P., will meet Monday night in the lodge hall at 8 o'clock. The official visit of grand lodge officials will be made, so it is requested that the lodge members make a point of attending. There will also be degree work.

Confederate Medal Found.

A Confederate veterans medal bearing the name G. M. Fleming, Co. E, 24th S. C. Volunteer Infantry, was found last week by Miss Julia Irby. The owner can have by calling at the Julia Irby Sanitarium.

DR. B. S. LUCAS DEAD.

Passed Away at Home of Son in Wallhalla.

Wallhalla, Sept. 5.—Dr. B. S. Lucas died here this morning about 8 o'clock at the home of his son, Mr. E. R. Lucas. He was in his 82d year. Dr. Lucas was a native of Kershaw county. At the outbreak of the War Between the States he volunteered for service in the Confederate army, serving continuously until disabled by the loss of an arm. He is survived by four children, one son and two daughters, who reside in Columbia. By reason of advanced years and impaired health, Dr. Lucas was forced to relinquish the active practice of his profession some ten years ago and had spent much of his time in recent years in Wallhalla. The body was taken this afternoon to Hartsville, and will be buried near there in the family cemetery, where rest the bodies of members of the Lucas family for several generations.

Miss Mattie T. Bass Dead.

Miss Mattie T. Bass, daughter of the late G. W. and Isabella Bass, died Sunday morning in Aiken county at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Harvelly where she has made her home for many years. The parents were lifelong citizens of Laurens county where all the family have many friends and relatives. She leaves to mourn her loss the following brothers: Mr. M. A. Bass and Rev. S. R. Bass of Greenville, S. C., Mr. T. M. Bass of Columbia, S. C., and Mrs. J. W. Harvelly of Langley, S. C., besides one half-sister, Mrs. M. E. Wilson of Greer, S. C., and a half-brother, Mr. J. N. Bass of Newberry. Rev. J. A. Brock conducted the burial services at Warrior Creek on Monday afternoon. The sorrowing relatives have the sympathy of a host of friends.

Meeting of Farmers.

The Advertiser has been requested to announce that a meeting of farmers and business men will be held in the court house Friday morning at 11 o'clock to discuss questions of importance at this time. It is hoped that a large number of them will be present.

County Fair Meeting.

A meeting of all those who are interested in the annual county fair has been called by Mr. W. D. Byrd, president of the fair association, for Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the court house. The business men of the town are especially urged to attend. Many things of importance in connection with the holding of the fair are to be discussed. The meeting will be a very important one and a full attendance is earnestly requested.

Resigns As Cashier.

Mr. S. J. Craig, who for a number of years has been the cashier of the Palmetto Bank, tendered his resignation to the board of directors last Saturday. Mr. Craig has not been in the very best of health recently and for that reason was forced to give up his work. Mr. Ralph Terry, who has been bookkeeper at the bank has been elected to succeed Mr. Craig. Mr. Terry's successor has not yet been elected.

New Gin.

Two fifty saw gin outfit will be located near Boyds mill, operated by Messrs Woods and Pitts. They are rushing to be ready for business in ten or fifteen days.

HOW THE BALLOTS READ
In order that no vote may be placed in the wrong box next Tuesday because of careless reading of the ballots, The Advertiser is printing the wording of the ballots, so that the voters may familiarize themselves with them before going to the polls. It is said that there has already been some confusion over the ballots.
The ballots to be voted by those in favor of prohibition read thus: "Against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors and beverages in South Carolina."
The ballots to be voted by those who oppose statewide prohibition read thus: "For the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors and beverages in South Carolina."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORS TO GATHER SOON

Large Gathering of Church Workers Expected to Assemble in Laurens.

Columbia, Sept. 5.—A special train will carry the Christian Endeavors of Columbia and the lower half of the State over the C. N. & L. railroad to Laurens, for the Christian Endeavor convention that is to be held there November 5-7. The Endeavors are planning a really great gathering and they are determined to have several hundred delegates in attendance. Request has been made of the railroads for special rates to Laurens from all points in the State, but this matter has not been decided as yet.

The Endeavors in Columbia plan to send 100 members of their societies to the Laurens convention. There are five young peoples societies of Christian Endeavor here, and four junior societies and one intermediate society. A good many of the juniors will go to the convention for the "Junior rally" on Saturday November 6. The leaders of these societies plan to take the little folks. The five young peoples societies of Christian Endeavor in this city have a total membership of about 150. The leaders in these societies are desirous of having at least 100 of the Endeavors of the city to attend the convention besides the Juniors who will go for the one day of their rally. A campaign will be waged among the local societies in October, to arouse interest in the convention, and to secure names of delegates.

Besides the 100 from Columbia, there will be a large delegation from Charleston, a large gathering from Sumter, others from Manning, Dillon, Darlington, Florence, Alcolu, Kingstree, and other parts of the "low country," all of whom will come to Columbia, and go with the Columbia Special. The C. N. & L. railway has agreed to operate special equipment for the Endeavors, but this will be on the regular train schedule for the day, unless as many as 150 go from here. If the delegation that leaves Columbia for Laurens is as large as 150, the road will operate the special train at any hour of the day to suit the Endeavors. The Endeavors therefore are working for a large delegation of young people from this city and other points in the lower half of the State. Large delegations also will go from Rock Hill, Union, Spartanburg, Greenville, Liberty, Newberry, Clinton, Yorkville and other points in the upper part of the State.

Plans for the Christian Endeavor convention were completed at a meeting of the state executive committee held in this city the latter part of August. An attractive program will shortly be announced. Karl Lehmann field secretary of the Christian Endeavor, one of the best known religious leaders of the country, Rev. J. O. Reavis, and Rev. G. K. Finlay, of Columbia, and other leading speakers of the State will feature the program of the convention. The convention will be the guests of the First Presbyterian church of Laurens.

A good many of the Endeavor societies have planned to attend the convention en masse, the entire society as a delegation being their goal. The Columbia societies will have this as their aim, and also the Newberry society. The Clinton society has announced that they will attend in a body, if they have to walk the nine miles to Laurens.

For three weeks prior to the convention Field Secretary Lehmann will do the field work in this State. He will cover in seventeen days, about twenty-seven towns. His itinerary is being arranged and will be announced later.

The fact that the Endeavors will have a special train to convey them to Laurens from the lower part of the State will add to the enthusiasm and attract many young people to the convention. The South Carolina Christian Endeavor union is not a year old yet, but they plan to make their second convention the best second convention ever held by any union.

Educational Sermon.

Rev. J. R. T. Major, following the suggestion made by the county department of education, preached a most instructive and helpful educational sermon Sunday.

LAURENS SCHOOLS ENTER A NEW YEAR

Large Enrollments at All the Schools

NEW FEATURES
ADDED TO COURSE

Year's Work at Central School Begun with Appropriate Exercises Monday Morning. Modified Military Feature to be Included in Course.

The Laurens city schools opened Monday morning with an enrollment of 577 white children, 441 of these being in the central school and 136 in the Laurens mill school. At the central school a large number of patrons and interested friends were present to witness the opening exercises. A devotional service was lead by Rev. J. R. T. Major, after which appropriate and inspiring talks were made by Messrs. W. L. Gray, C. H. Roper, James H. Sullivan and Dr. J. H. Teague. Before the children left their places in the assembly hall Supt. Parkinson made some announcements in regard to the plans for the coming year. Among the things contemplated for the new year are a modified military feature, a commercial course, the addition of another grade, and medical inspection of the pupils. A fuller explanation of these things may be found in an advertisement on another page of this paper, to which the attention of all school patrons are particularly directed.

Yesterday morning Rev. C. E. Rankin conducted devotional services and Dr. J. H. Teague delivered the first of a series of short lectures which are to be delivered by physicians on hygiene and health topics. Dr. Teague spoke on "The Relation between School Lunches and School Life." He advised that only the smaller children bring lunches and that even they bring very light ones, suggesting such things as an apple, an orange or a buttered sandwich. He said that they should eat at one recess and this should be the second one. Dr. Teague's talk was given very close attention both by the pupils and the teachers.

The Teaching Corps.

The following are the teachers of the white school:

Central School.

First Grade—Mrs. B. L. Jones.
Second Grade—Miss Floride Harper.
Third Grade—Miss Ella Roland.
Fourth Grade—Miss Mary Belle Pabb.
Fifth Grade—Miss Kittie Richards.
Fifth and Sixth Grades—Miss Rebecca Dial.

Sixth Grade—Miss Corinne Agnew.
Seventh Grade Boys—Mr. R. C. Patton.
Seventh Grade Girls—Miss Emma Roper.

High School Teachers.

English—Miss Lillian Kibler.
Mathematics—Miss Belle Nichols.
History—Mr. P. D. Huff.
Latin—Miss Fannie Creighton.

MEM School.

First Grade—Miss Annie Clardy.
Second Grade—Miss Irene Ray.
Third and Fourth Grades—Miss Mary Simpson.

Watts Mills School.

The Watts Mills school, just outside the city limits, also opened for the year's work Monday morning with a large enrollment. Mr. John Powell is superintendent of this school and he is assisted by Mrs. Garrett and Miss Lucia and Annie Simpson. Miss Cornwell has charge of the kindergarten again this year.

The Colored School.

Supt. Thos. Sanders opened the year's work also at the school for colored children Monday morning. Over two hundred were enrolled. He is expecting a successful session.

Raising Blooded Pigs.

As an indication of the increased interest in diversified farming which is being shown in this county, Mr. D. E. Todd, of Barksdale Station, devoted considerable attention to high grade hogs this year and has been shipping registered pigs even outside of the state. Very recently he has shipped registered Berkshire pigs to Georgia and Alabama and is preparing to go into the business more extensively. Mr. Todd believes also in advertising, using the want add columns of the local papers as well as the farm journals.